

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26-27 Mar 66 0235-0300Z	2. LOCATION Kent, Tacoma, Mc Cord AFB, Washington
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One-Three?	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20-30 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  One, two, or three objects all close together. One witness described them as looking like a transparent kite. The Other witness said they resembled a biplane. Objects were sighted in the west and appeared to be traveling west. They faded as night fell.  The time is right for a balloon. Weather balloon launches at 600PM. Description of the object and its flight is consistent with a balloon.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	( 3 Witnesses )



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QUARTER.

C. COLOR: OBJECT WAS TRANSPARNT, BUT HAD DARK EDGES.

D. NUMBER: ONE OR TWO.

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E. FORMATION: NOT DISCERNIBLE.

F. NO OTHER EETAILS.

G. NO TAIL, TRAIL, XHAUST.

H. NO SOUND.

I. NO OTHER DETAILS.

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

A. OBSERVER WAS WATCHING SNSET.

B. ABOUT 1,000 FEET ALTITUDE, WST.

C. SAME AT DISAPPEARANCE.

D. MOVED IN A WESTRLY DIRECTION, OVER THE TACOMA INDUSTRIAL  
AIRPORT.

E. OBJECTS FADED.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION.

A. GROUND - VISUAL

B. 7 X 35 BINOCULARS WERE USED.

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING.

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INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAF-OS-3, DIA-1, RDC-4 (19) ADV CY DIA  
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RR RUEAHQ

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ZNR UUUUU

R 112100Z

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EMCQ/FTD WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO RUWHSB/4TH AF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

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UNCLAS 318FIS 00598 APR 66

FOR: USAF (AFNIN), OSAF (SAFOI). SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING

OBJECT: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED ON AN UFO

SIGHTED 27 MAR 66.

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

A. SHAP: A LARGE TRANSPARENT KITE.

B. SIZE: SIMILAR TO A LARGE AIRCRAFT, ABOUT THE SIZE OF A

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- C. CEILING - CLAR.
- D. VISIBILITY-TEN MILES.
- E. NO CLOUD COVER - SMOKE IN ALL QUADRANTS.
- F. GIVEN IN (B)
- 8. NO OTHER UNUSUAL CONDITION.

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- 9. NO INTERCEPT ACTION - INFORMATION PASSED TO MCCHORD TOWER, RAPCON, BASE OPERATIONS, AND 25TH NORAD DIVISION SENIOR DIRECTOR.
- 10. NO OTHER AIR ACTIVITY.
- 11. JAMES L. COTTON, 1STLT, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER. NO ANALYSIS.
- 12. NO EVIDENCE.

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A. 0200Z ON 27 MARCH 1966.

B. DUSK.

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

NEAR TACOMA INDUSTRIAL AIRPORT, 47 DEGREES 13'N, 122 DEGGES 26'W.

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6. OBSERVER [REDACTED] ADULT, [REDACTED], TACOMA, WASH.,

OCCUPATION NOT GIVEN, FAIR RELIABILITY.

7. WEATHER AND WINDS - ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF  
SIGHTING.

A. OBSERVER STATES THERE WERE NO WINDS NOR WAS THERE CLOUD  
COVERAGE.

B. ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY	VERT TEMP (GRADIENT)
SURFACE	270 DEGREES	2 KNOTS	
6,000	240	11	0
10,000	200	12	-1.5
16,000	230	18	-4
20,000	230	21	-4.5
30,000	230	27	-5
50,000	300	17	0
80,000	300	10	

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VERTICAL. THERE WERE TWO "BLOBS" UNDERNEATH.

2. ABOUT THE SIZE OF A HAND-HELD BASEBALL.

3. COLOR: DARK, NOT READILY IDENTIFIABLE.

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4. THERE WERE ONE OR TWO OBJECTS.

5. FORMATION: NONE OTHER THAN THAT DESCRIBED IN (1).

6. NO LIGHTS, OUTLINES OF OBJECT SHARPLY DEFINED.

7. NO TAIL , TRAIL, OF EXHAUST.

8. NO SOUND.

9. NO OTHER UNUSUAL FEATURES.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

1. OBSERVER WAS DRIVING ON HIGHWAY NEAR SOUTHERN END OF  
RUNWAY, WATCHING TWO F-100'S TAKE OFF AND PASS OVER THE HIGHWAY.

OBJECT THEN APPERARED NEAR AIRCRAFT AS THEY PASSED BY.

2. ALTITUDE APPEARED ABOUT 2,500 FT, OBJECT WAS TOWARDS THE  
WEST.

3. OBJECT MAINTAINED ESTIMATED ALTITUDE AND CONTINUED  
WESTERLY.

4. OBJECT APPERARED TO BE DRIFTING SLOWLY WESTWARD; THERE WAS  
NO OSCILLATION OF OTHER MANUEVERS.

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : SAF-OS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-2, DIA-1 (15)

ADV CY DIA

SYB A163ZCZCHQC483ZCQJE800

RR RUEAHQ

DE RUWHBH7968 0972006

ZNR UUUUU

R 071900Z

FM 325 FTR WG MCCORD AFB WASH

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

ZEN/250IN

RUEAHQ/USAF

RUEAHQ/SECRETARY OF AF WASH DC

RUCDSC/FTD WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO RUWHSE/4TH AF

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UNCLAS 318FIS 00577 APR 66

FOR: USAF (AFNIN), CSAF (SAFIO). SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING

OBJECT. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED ON AN UFO

SIGHTED 26 MAR 66.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

1. RECTANGULAR SHAPED, AT FIRST LOOKED LIKE A PARACHUTE

WITHOUT SHROUD LINES. THEN RESEMBLED AN EXCLAMATION POINT 20DEGREES OFF

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16,000	-5 DEGREES
20,000	-5 DEGREES
30,000	-4.5 DEGREES
50,000	PLUS 1/2 DEGREES
80,000	NO DATA

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ALTITUDE	WIND DIR (DEGREES)	VELOCITY (KTS)
SURFACE	240	3
6,000	220	3
10,000	230	9
16,000	240	19
20,000	240	17
30,000	310	9
50,000	280	11
80,000	320	14

E. CEILING: CLEAR, SMOKE IN ALL QUADRANTS, A LAYER TO THE EAST.

4. VISIBILITY WAS SEVEN MILES.

5. NO CLOUD COVER.

6. NO THUNDER STORMS.

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5. OBJECT DISAPPEARED AFTER SKY GREW DARK.
6. OBJECT WAS VISIBLE ABOUT TWENTY-TWO MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

1. GROUND VISUAL.

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2. NO OPTICAL AIDS WERE USED.

3. N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING.

1. 0235Z 26 MARCH 1966.
2. DUSK.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: SOUTH END OF WACHORD AFB RUNWAY,  
47DEGREES 09'N 122DEGREES 29'W

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: SHOMO, WILLIAM A., LTCOL,  
325TH FIGHTER WING, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, GOOD RELIABILITY.

G. 1. OBSERVER REMARKS THAT THERE WAS NO WIND OR CLOUD COVERAGE,  
VISIBILITY UNCOMMONLY GOOD.

2. VERTICAL TEMP GRADIENT (CENT)

SURFACE	NO DATA
6,000	-3 DEGREES
10,000	-3 DEGREES

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7. GIVER IN (2) ABOVE.

H. NO OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITIONS.

I. NO INTERCEPT ACTION TAKEN.

J. NO OTHER REPORTED AIR ACTIVITY: SIGHTING WAS PASSED TO  
MCCHORD CONTROL TOWER, BASE OPERATIONS, RAPCON, AND SENS SENIOR  
DIRECTOR.

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K. JAMES K. COTTON, 1ST LT, USAF, 318TH FIS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:  
NO ANALYSIS.

L. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

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AF IN : 5605 (1 May 66) H/rb

ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : SAFOS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-2, DIA-1 (15) ADV CY DIA  
SMB C222RFTU JAW RUEDQXC0273 1031108-UUUU--RUEDHQA.

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ZNR UUUUU

R 122300Z

FM 325TH FTRWG MCCHORD AFB WASH

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

ZEN/250IN

RUEDHQA/USAF

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RUOOSQ/FTD WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO RUWHSB/4TH AF

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UNCLAS 318FIS 00616 APR 66.

FOR: USAF (AFNIN), OSAF (SAFOI). SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING  
OBJECT. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED ON AN UFO  
SIGHTED 27 MAR 66.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

- A. SHAPE: RESEMBLED A BI-PLANE.
- B. SIZE: VERY SMALL (HIGH ALTITUDE).
- C. COLOR IS NOT DISCERNIBLE, NON GLOWING.

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5. KENT, WASHINGTON, 47 DEGREES 23.5'N, 122 DEGREES 18'W.

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: [REDACTED]

(RETIRED) [REDACTED] AVENUE, KENT, WASHINGTON, FAIR RELIABILITY.

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7. WEATHER AND WINDS - ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF  
SIGHTING.

A. OBSERVER REMARKS THERE WERE NO WINDS NOR WAS THERE CLOUD  
COVERAGE; DUSK.

B. ALTITUDE WIND DIRECTION VELOCITY VERT TEMP GRADIENT

SURFACE	CALM	CALM	(CENT)
6,000	240	11	0
10,000	200	12	-1.5
16,000	230	18	-4
20,000	230	21	-4.5
30,000	230	27	-5
50,000	300	17	0
80,000	300	10	

C. CEILING: CLEAR.

D. VISIBILITY - TEN (10) MILES.

E. NO CLOUD COVER.

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D. NUMBER: THREE.

E. FORMATION - ALL OBJECTS CLOSE TOGETHER.

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F. NO DISCERNIBLE DETAILS.

G. NO TAIL, TRAIL, EXHAUST.

H. NO SOUND

I. NO OTHER DETAILS.

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT.

A. OBSERVER WAS LOOKING OUT OF LIVING ROOM WINDOW.

B. HIGH ALTITUDE, MOVING WEST.

C. SAME AS ABOVE.

D. NO MANUEVERS.

E. OBJECTS FADED AS NIGHT FELL.

F. OBJECT WAS SEEN THIRTY MINUTES.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION.

A. GROUND - VISUAL.

B. NO OPTICAL AIDS.

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 0200Z, 27 MAR 66.

B. DUSK.

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F. NO THUNDERSTORMS.

G. GIVEN IN (B)

8. NO OTHER UNUSUAL CONDITIONS.

9. NO INTERCEPT ACTION TAKEN - INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO MCCHORD

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TOWER, RAPCON, BASE OPERATIONS, 25TH NORAD DIVISION SENIOR DIRECTOR.

10. NO OTHER AIR TRAFFIC.

11. JAMES L. COTTON, 1STLT, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER, 318TH

FIS. NO PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS.

12. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

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B. SIZE: QUITE LARGE; SMALL CARDBOARD BOX.

C. COLOR: GRAYISH BROWN.

D. NO FORMATION OTHER THAN DESCRIBED IN "A".

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E. TWO DISTINCT OBJECTS.

F. NO OTHER DETAILS.

G. NO TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST.

H. NO SOUND.

I. NO OTHER DETAILS.

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT.

A. OBSERVER FIRST HAPPENED TO GLANCE OUTSIDE.

B. AROUND 5,000 FT, ANY DEFINITE MOVEMENT WAS UNDETECTED.

C. SAME AS ABOVE.

D. THERE WERE NO DISCERNIBLE FLIGHT PATH, BUT THE LOWER OBJECT  
APPEARED TO BE MOVING AROUND UNDERNEATH THE UPPER.

E. OBJECTS JUST FADED AS SKY GREW DARKER.

F. OBJECTS WERE SEEN 20 MINUTES.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

A. GROUND-VISUAL.

B. FIELD GLASSES (7 X 50) AND A HIGH POWERED TELESCOPE (OF

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (15) ADV CY DIA.  
SMB C082ZCZCHQA827CQJB952

RR RUEAHQ

DE RUWHBH8155 0982352

ZNR UUUUU

R 081900Z

FM 325TH FTR WG MCCHORD AFB WASH

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

ZEN/250 IN

RUEAHQ/USAF

RUEAHQ/SECRETARY OF AF WASH DC

RUCD SQ/FTD WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO RUWHSB/4TH AF

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UNCLAS 318FIS 00586 APR 66

FOR: USAF (AFNIN), OSAF (SAFOI). SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING

OBJECT. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED ON AN UFO

SIGHTED 27 MAR 66.

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

A. SHAPE: RECTANGULAR AS A BOXCAR, WITH AN OBJECT BELOW THAT  
RESEMBLES A BANANA. SHARPLY DEFINED.

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30,000	230	24	-5
50,000	300	20	0
80,000	290	17	

C. CEILING - CLEAR.

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D. TEN (10) MILES VISIBILITY.

E. NO THUNDERSTORMS, SOME SMOKE IN ALL QUADRANTS.

F. GIVEN IN (B).

8. NO OTHER UNUSUAL CONDITIONS.

9. NO INTERCEPT ACTION - INFORMATION PASSED TO MCCHORD TOWER,  
RAPCON, BASE OPS, SENIOR DIRECTOR.

10. NO OTHER AIR TRAFFIC.

11. JAMES L. COTTON, 1STLT, ADMIN SERVICES OFFICER, 318TH FIS  
MCCHORD AFB, WASH. NO PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS.

12. NO EVIDENCE.

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LITTLE VALUE, AS ONLY A PORTION OF THE OBJECT COULD BE SEEN -  
LIGHT GATHERING POWER WAS APPARENTLY NOT GREAT ENOUGH).

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

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B. DUSK.

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

NEAR TACOMA NARROWS, 47 DEGREE 13' N, 122 DEGREE 26' W.

6 DR. [REDACTED], 48, [REDACTED], PHYSICIAN, FAIR  
RELIABILITY.

7 WEATHER AND WINDS.- ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF  
SIGHTING.

A. OBSERVER REMARKS THAT THERE WERE NO WINDS OF CLOUDS AND  
THAT THE MOON WAS SHINING WMB. ALTITUDE WIND DIRECTION VELOCITY  
ERT TEMP (GRADIENT)

(CENT)

SURFACE	230 DEGREES	2 KNOTS	
6,000	250	9	0 DEGREE
10,000	250	14	-1.5
16,000	240	20	-4
20,000	230	26	-4.5

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